

REMARKS

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 21, 22, 34 and 35-51

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 21, 22, 34 and 35-51 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Priestman et al. (US 6,812,954) in view of Nakai et al. (US 6,072,454). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that Priestman “discloses a portable electronic device that is basically the same as that recited in claims 1, 2, 34-36 and 44, except that Priestman does not disclose that the second display device and the first display device are active matrix displays.” The Examiner then cites Nakai and contends that “it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify one of the first display device and the second display device of the portable electronic device of Priestman by employing an active matrix display of Nakai so as to obtain a liquid crystal device having a high image quality and high reliability without consuming much power.”

Applicants respectfully disagree. Independent Claims 1 and 2 recite that the first display panel is one of a liquid crystal display panel and an EL display panel and the second display panel is the other one of the liquid crystal display panel and the EL display panel. Hence, one is a liquid crystal display panel and the other is an EL display panel.

In contrast, Priestman discloses a first display device and a second display device in a portable electronic device but does not disclose or suggest that the first display panel is one of a

liquid crystal display panel and an EL display panel and the second display panel is the other one of the liquid crystal display panel and the EL display panel. Further, Nakai does not disclose or suggest that the first display panel is one of a liquid crystal display panel and an EL display panel and the second display panel is the other one of the liquid crystal display panel and the EL display panel.

Hence, even if these references are properly combinable (which Applicants do not admit), the references fail to disclose or suggest the portable electronic device recited in independent Claims 1 and 2 of the present application. Accordingly, these claims are patentable thereover.

Additionally, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended independent Claims 36 and 44 to recite wherein the first display device has a higher resolution than that of the second display device. This is shown, for example, on page 3, lns. 15-17 of the present application. Such a feature is advantageous as it lowers the cost of the device. This feature is also not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 16-18

The Examiner also rejects Claims 3 and 16-18 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Priestman in view of Nakai and further in view of Mack II et al. (US 6,510,325). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Each of these rejected claims is a dependent claim. Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, these dependent claims are also patentable over the cited references. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 19 and 23

The Examiner further rejects Claims 19 and 23 under 35 USC §102(b) [sic 103] as being unpatentable over Priestman in view of Yamazaki (US 6,037,635) in view of Washo (US 4,580,877).

This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

More specifically, Washo teaches a *combined* display panel comprising an EL panel for illuminated LCD and a transparent liquid crystal display panel. Hence, Washo's reflection display is different from that of independent Claim 19, in that Washo's combined display device is *only* one screen.

Further, Washo does not disclose or suggest an active matrix EL display for displaying an image and a reflection display panel. In contrast, independent Claim 19 recites a cover member comprising an active matrix EL display panel for displaying an image, and a reflection display panel comprising a touch input operational portion.

Hence, even if these references are properly combinable (which Applicants do not admit), the references fail to disclose or suggest the portable electronic device recited in independent Claim 19 of the present application. Accordingly, this independent claim and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited references

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 24-27

The Examiner also rejects Claims 24-26 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Priestman in view of Yamazaki. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

The Examiner cites Priestman as disclosing a portable electronic device but admits that it does not disclose that the EL display device is an active matrix display. The Examiner then cites

Yamazaki as disclosing a liquid crystal display device. The Examiner then contends that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Priestman with the teaching of Yamazaki.

Applicants respectfully disagree. As explained above, Priestman does not disclose or suggest a liquid crystal display panel and an active matrix EL display device. Yamazaki does not cure this deficiency. Hence, the cited references do not disclose or suggest the claimed device.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

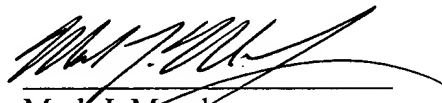
Conclusion

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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